

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to House Republicans' Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The purported focus of this Select Committee is essential to the national security and economic vitality of the United States. Unfortunately, there is a consistent trend by some in the House Republican Conference, and unfortunately by many across the country, to use xenophobic rhetoric that enflames violence bias, and hate crimes against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

Let me be clear. The CCP has an egregious record on human rights and forced labor, especially regarding the Uyghur people. Additionally, the CCP consistently uses underhanded economic tactics like manipulating its currency, stealing intellectual property, and using unfair trade practices to undercut American companies and gain an unfair advantage in the global market.

The CCP's record does not, however, mean we should condone xenophobic rhetoric, fearmongering, or attacks on individual people and AAPI community in the United States. This is especially concerning after the recent spikes in hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans. In 2021, hate crimes against Asian Americans increased by 339 percent and in 2020 they increased by 124 percent.

Many of my colleagues across the aisle have invoked racist terms like "the China virus" to ignore our own responsibility to safeguard public health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Trump Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's China Initiative profiled Asian American researchers in the United States as conducting espionage on behalf of the CCP. The China Initiative led to numerous false accusations, quashing opportunities for affected researchers, and failed to demonstrate any effective results until, wisely, Attorney General Garland ended this program.

It is necessary to grow the United States' global leadership and dedicate resources that strengthen our scientific enterprise, bolster research and development, grow our domestic semiconductor manufacturing base, and on-shore critical supply chains. That is what Democrats did, in a bipartisan manner, last Congress by passing the CHIPS and Science Act. Unfortunately, most of my Republican colleagues opposed this bipartisan economic competition legislation when it passed the

House and was subsequently signed into law by President Biden.

Under the leadership of President Biden, CHIPS and Science will put our nation on a path to reassert our international economic strength. Expanding the market for U.S. goods will help businesses grow in this country. Oregon exports everything from computer chips to potato chips, and more exports means more jobs at home. Competing globally necessitates a level playing field for all nations, including China. And when the playing field is level, America wins.

Although I remain hopeful that this Select Committee might be an important forum to focus on priorities for economic and national security priorities, we must make it clear that xenophobia, hate crimes, and stigma against Asian Americans have no place in our nation. I am heartbroken and infuriated by the violent attacks on members of our AAPI community and vandalism against AAPI-owned businesses.

Additionally, there are existing committees in the House with jurisdiction over the related issues that already have authority to examine and make progress on these important matters. And the Select Committee lacks legislative authority, so it will not deliver the solutions that House Republicans argue it will be working toward. Members of these existing committees have the experience necessary, many from our work last Congress on CHIPS and Science, to take the nuanced approach required to address these challenges. For these reasons, I cannot support the formation of this new Select Committee.

CONGRATULATING HARRY K. STEWART UPON RECEIVING THE 2023 GOLDEN BEAVER MANAGEMENT AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Harry K. Stewart, Chief Operating Officer of the Dutra Group, upon receiving the 2023 Golden Beaver Management Award. Mr. Stewart has dedicated over 40 years to the Dutra Group, providing invaluable support to our nation's infrastructure, protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, and directly contributing to the rapid development of the dredging and marine construction industry. Throughout Mr. Stewart's incredible career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to the construction industry and an unyielding zeal for defending the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta community.

Born and raised near the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, the hub of California's water supply, Mr. Stewart grew up witnessing the comprehensive planning and detailed care necessary to maintain our nation's harbors and waterways. After graduating from the Uni-

versity of California, Davis, with a degree in civil engineering, Mr. Stewart embarked on what would become a 4-decade-long career with the Dutra Group.

Since joining the Dutra Group in 1983, Mr. Stewart has served in each of the company's divisions: dredging, marine construction, and aggregates. Today, he uses his firsthand knowledge and on-the-ground experience of every facet of the Dutra Group to manage and oversee the 3 subdivisions as Chief Operating Officer. From helping protect America's coastal regions to promoting environmental responsibility through sustainable practices, Mr. Stewart plays an integral role in furthering the Dutra Group's work as a leader of the marine construction industry.

For his decades of service in the construction industry, Mr. Stewart has been honored as a recipient of the 2023 Golden Beaver Management Award. This recognition is bestowed by the Beavers, a social organization formed by companies and individuals engaged in the heavy engineering construction industry and committed to fostering goodwill an partnership among members of the industry. Mr. Stewart's exemplary career, contributions to our Nation's infrastructure, and service to the people of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta area, make this high honor of the Golden Beaver Management Award well-deserved.

Through the hard work and innovation of leaders like Mr. Stewart, our Nation's infrastructure has greatly advanced to where it is today. Mr. Stewart's 40 years of service with the Dutra Group has left an indelible legacy on the maritime construction industry that will last for many years to come. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Stewart upon receiving this great honor and extend my deepest gratitude for his decades of vital service to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF ALISA KORN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Alisa Korn on her retirement from the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission, where she has served as the President and board member for almost 12 years. Alisa's continued effort to improve communities in Northern Michigan deserves unwavering praise and recognition.

Moving from Florida to Michigan during high school, Alisa graduated from Traverse City Central High School and soon began her service to her community through the Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation Commission. Throughout her distinguished career, Alisa has held both elected and appointed positions in Traverse City's local government—from County Commissioner to Grand Traverse

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County Delegate. Her effort to create lasting change in her community led her to become a valued member of the Traverse City Housing Authority, where she has been Program Manager and Family Self-Sufficiency Manager since 2016.

Throughout Alisa's career, she has been at the forefront of expanding the Traverse City Housing Authority's reach and impact within the community. Contributing to plans for future developments like the East Bay Flats community, and providing the necessary resources to ensure past developments, such as the Orchardview Townhomes, are efficiently run and operated to best serve the community. Her efforts throughout her career have created lasting change in the Grand Traverse area, providing the necessary resources to families and residents while ensuring the community's self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Alisa Korn for her continued service to the Traverse City community. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Alisa and her family and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MARY ELLEN
CONOLINE'S RETIREMENT AFTER
46 YEARS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Mary Ellen Conoline, whose work and dedication as an outstanding nurse anesthetist has touched many lives in the Lower Bucks County region and the surrounding areas over the span of over 40 years.

A lifelong resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Mary Ellen always had the conviction that her future career path lay in healthcare, which is why immediately after graduating from Bishop Conwell Catholic High School in 1974, she enrolled at the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey, graduating from that fine institution with honors in August 1976.

One of her first jobs after nursing school was at St. Francis Medical Center. Mary Ellen later went on to practice nursing in various capacities, earning certifications and degrees in the areas of nephrology and critical care nursing. While gaining invaluable knowledge and experience along the way, Mary Ellen still knew that she was capable of, and wanted to give, even more.

Therefore, in 1981, Mary Ellen made the decision to attend Nursing Anesthesia school at Our Lady of Lourdes in Camden, New Jersey, and it was there she found her niche as a medical professional, an area where she could bring all her passion, dedication and numerous talents to bear. She graduated in 1983 and has been a dedicated and respected Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist up until her December 28, 2022 retirement.

Mary Ellen spent much of her 46-year professional career as a Nurse Anesthetist faithfully and tirelessly working at Lower Bucks Hospital and Bucks County Gastroenterology LTD, where she cared for many Bucks County residents during their most vulnerable and

many times unexpected health predicaments. Her bedside manner and utmost attention to patient care will always be what she was most proud of during her career in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey's healthcare systems.

Mary Ellen's husband of 39 years and 2 daughters have witnessed her dedication and selfless commitment to her line of work and celebrate her as she reaches this well-deserved retirement. Mary Ellen is eager to start spending more time with her family, which now includes a young granddaughter, as she enjoys this new chapter in her life.

We are all incredibly grateful for for the positive impact Mary Ellen has had through her long career, and we wish her countless blessings during her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 26.

HISTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA
TODAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is historic in Columbia as South Carolina Constitutional Officers are sworn in to begin four-year terms. The State House, with its record majority of Republicans, gained seven seats, and with the State Senate now has the largest number of Republican elected officials in 150 years.

Governor Henry McMaster will begin a term to achieve 10 years of service, the longest ever for a governor to serve with term limits. He is joined by Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette.

Re-elected for new terms today are Attorney General, Alan Wilson, Commissioner of Agriculture, Hugh Weathers, Comptroller General, Richard Eckstrom, Secretary of State, Mark Hammond, and Treasurer, Curtis Loftis.

Succeeding Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, who ably addressed the Wuhan Virus crisis, is the talented and innovative Ellen Weaver.

Appreciated legislative leaders also includes President Tom Alexander in the Senate, and Speaker Murrell Smith in the House.

The success of the Republican party is due to the conservative accomplishments of limited government and expanded freedom.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING LEWIS FIELDS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Lewis M. Fields. Mr. Fields lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Lewis Fields was born February 21, 1927, to Nancy and Gano Fields. He grew up in Sadieville, Kentucky as the oldest of 4 children. An active young man, Mr. Fields worked on the family farm, raised and sold miniature ponies, drove the local school bus, was a member of FFA, and played basketball and baseball at Sadieville High School.

Mr. Fields enlisted in the United States Navy on February 4, 1945, just prior to his 18th birthday. His father drove him to the enlistment office in Louisville, Ky. He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was then sent to California, where he was assigned to the USS *Pensacola* as a Seaman 1st Class assigned to the Supply Division. The *Pensacola* CA-24 was a heavy cruiser that received 13 Battle Stars for its campaign during WWII. It was nicknamed "The Grey Ghost" by Tokyo Rose for its resiliency. Mr. Fields remembers sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge as they left California for Okinawa. All personnel were on deck and Sentimental Journey was played.

The battle in Okinawa, Operation Iceberg, was the last battle of WWII and was very intense. During the onslaught of enemy fire, numerous injuries were incurred by the crew. Mr. Fields still remembers how slippery the deck was from all the blood and was staggered by the thought that this blood was from his shipmates and friends.

Mr. Fields earned a Navy Occupation Service Medal, a WWII Victory Medal, an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, a Combat Action Ribbon, a Discharge Button, and an Honorable Service Pin. He moved to the Reserves on August 4, 1946 and his final separation was August 3, 1954.

Mr. Fields moved back to Kentucky and married his high school sweetheart, Jeannine Hiles Fields. They were married for 69 years until she passed away in 2016. They have 2 children. He accepted a job with Gulf Oil, where he worked for 38 years. Mr. Fields has been a faithful member of Southland Christian Church and Tates Creek Christian Church. He used his woodworking hobby to craft many items for each church. He was also active in starting Right to Life.

Lewis Fields is a true patriot, a great American, and an inspiration to us all. I am forever grateful to him and other members of the Greatest Generation for sacrificing and fighting to preserve the freedoms that we hold dear. It is my honor to recognize him before the United States Congress.

HONORING MAYOR HARRY PRICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of dear friend and incredible public servant,

Mayor Harry Price. Passing away at the age of 85, Mayor Price leaves behind an indelible legacy of over 60 years of public service to the people of Solano County.

Born in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Mayor Price demonstrated his persevering and industrious spirit from a young age, working numerous jobs throughout his youth. While earning his bachelor's degree at Lock Haven State University, Mayor Price broadened his horizons, gaining a myriad of professional experiences as the Master of Ceremonies for his community and as a news anchor for a local station.

After Mayor Price and his family moved to Fairfield in 1965, he began teaching English at Vanden High School. Throughout his 33-year-long career as a teacher, Mayor Price worked tirelessly to support his students. His selfless dedication to the youth of Fairfield earned him the well-deserved honor of Solano County Teacher of the Year in 1986.

Following his teaching career, Mayor Price continued to serve his community through an incredible three decades of public service in Solano County. His career in public service first began with his appointment to the Fairfield Community Services Commission in 1988, followed by his service on the Fairfield Planning Commission. As a critical member of these commissions, Mayor Price was instrumental in modernizing Fairfield's infrastructure and advocating for the interests of his fellow community members.

Driven by a genuine passion for service, Mayor Price went on to serve on the Fairfield City Council in 1997 and was subsequently elected to 4 consecutive terms as Fairfield Mayor. During his 16-year tenure as mayor, Mayor Price demonstrated his sincere love for his community through his compassionate leadership and altruistic advocacy. He continued his commitment to the students of Fairfield, spearheading efforts to institute youth empowerment programs and serving as a staunch supporter of the local Boy Scouts Troop 100 and the Leaven Kids Program.

In addition, Mayor Price's remarkable leadership of Fairfield was characterized by his unyielding advocacy for Travis Air Force Base. Having served eight years in the U.S. Army, Mayor Price was a proud champion of our Nation's servicemembers and played an integral role in representing the thousands of citizens who support Travis Air Force Base. Throughout his time as an elected public servant, Mayor Price faithfully supported Fairfield's military families, making him a loved and respected member of the Travis Air Force Base Community.

Mayor Price will be remembered not only for his 6 decades of service to the city of Fairfield, but also for his spirit of kindness and selflessness. His gentle demeanor, constant smile, and persistent optimism have left an indelible legacy on Solano County and the people of Fairfield.

Mayor Price is survived by 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and a community that will dearly miss his enduring spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mayor Price's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING MARY SUE RICH AND
RUTH E. REED

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I'm proud to honor Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich for her service to the City of Ocala and her efforts to support the construction of the brand new community center at Reed Place.

Mary Sue Rich dedicated 24 years in service to her community as a councilwoman, working to improve the quality of life for Ocala's citizens. Among her many other accomplishments as a councilwoman, Ms. Rich recently led the charge to develop the community center for purposes of enhancing the quality of life for Ocala residents. Councilwoman Rich recognized the need for Ocala residents to have ready access to health and wellness and social opportunities at a high-quality facility, and her vision to create a multi-purpose center, serving the entire family unit, across multiple generations and all walks of life, is now a reality.

Ocala's new community center will be named the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place in honor of her dedication and service to the City of Ocala and its citizens. I'd like to thank Ms. Rich for her service and commitment to Ocala and look forward to seeing the community center's growth.

Also, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I'm proud to honor Mrs. Ruth Reed, a long-time resident of Ocala.

For years, Mrs. Reed has worked side-by-side with the City of Ocala to help create a new vision for the site of the new community center as a member of the West Ocala CRA Advisory Committee, and the City's 2035 Vision Leadership Group, the steering committee for the West Ocala Community Plan.

In honor of her dedication and service to the City of Ocala, the new property on which the Mary Sue Rich Community Center sits has been renamed Reed Place after Mrs. Ruth E. Reed, a long-time resident of the surrounding neighborhood. We look forward to seeing how Reed Place continues to grow and serve the residents of Ocala.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOEL FRANCK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Joel Franck for his retirement after 5 decades of work in radio broadcasting, including 26 years as the News Director at WTCM in Traverse City, Michigan. Throughout his distinguished career, Joel's professional demeanor and contagious attitude while on air made him a staple of Northern Michigan and a cherished part of the Traverse City community.

Joel started his illustrious broadcasting career in 1969, acting as a sports broadcaster for local high schools in his hometown. Joel soon moved to Portland, Oregon, where he

continued his play-by-play analysis of local high school sports and minor league baseball. After 13 years in Portland, Joel moved to the Wisconsin-Michigan area where he found a home at WTCM Radio in 1996. Remaining with WTCM until his retirement on December 9, 2022, Joel became a familiar and trusted source of information for all in the Traverse City area.

Joel Franck was a true professional in an everchanging and evolving field of work with extremely high turnover rates. His 26 years spent with WTCM Radio is an amazing accomplishment in the broadcasting industry and displays the value Joel added to the station on a daily basis. His infectious laugh, genuine personality, and professionalism while on air, made him an integral part of thousands of commuter's treks into work. News of Joel Franck's retirement has saddened the Traverse City area and all who listen to him. His familiar and trusted way of evaluating the news will be missed and his impact on all communities he broadcasted to is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Joel Franck for his decades of service in Michigan's radio broadcasting industry. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Joel, his family, and the entire WTCM Radio Team, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE MILLS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Mills who passed away on November 18, 2022, to celebrate his extraordinary life and commitment to serving his community.

George grew up in Dearborn, Michigan where he played varsity football at St. Alphonsus School. In his youth, he worked at the Dearborn Independent, a weekly newspaper published and co-owned by his father. In 1959, the family moved to San Francisco where George earned a degree in Political Science from the University of San Francisco. He then attended the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and served 3 years on the USS *Ticonderoga*. In 1964, George decided to further his education at the St. Patrick Catholic Seminary in Menlo Park, returning to the San Francisco Bay Area to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

George's long and impactful career in education began with his return to the University of San Francisco, where he earned both his teaching credential and his Master of Arts in Education. His entire teaching career was with the San Rafael High School District (District). He started as a teacher at the San Rafael Continuation School, and within a decade, he established a Title I Language Arts Learning Center at San Rafael High School. In total, George dedicated 32 years to teaching English, Yearbook, and Journalism in the District. He was also active in the San Rafael Federation of Teachers in San Rafael and a respected advocate for his profession and colleagues.

During his decorated career, he received the "Classroom Excellence" award from the California Association of Teachers of English in 1983 and was selected as a Bay Area Writing Project Fellow at U.C. Berkeley in 1985. Fittingly, he was named an "Outstanding Teacher" in Marin County in 1997.

In addition to teaching, George was deeply involved in the San Rafael community with his wife Gayle. As Chairman of the Sun Valley Neighborhood Association, George traveled door to door to convince his neighbors to contribute to a community purchase of the land around Sun Valley Trail. This effort preserved the land for public use in 1985, which today is managed by Marin County Open Space District. George also coached his son's soccer and baseball teams and served as Assistant Scoutmaster for his Boy Scout troop.

George is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Gayle Mills, his 2 children: Christopher and Claire, and 2 grandchildren: Georgia and Donovan Illingworth. While he will be greatly missed, George's legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his family, Marin County, and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that George Mills was a dedicated civil servant who will be missed and whose many years of service are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his many contributions and express our deep condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE INSPIRATIONAL LIFE OF RAYMOND NIHLEAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Raymond Nihlean, a constituent and valued member of the Edgewater community, who believed in the goodness of every person. When you heard his contagious laugh, you knew his generous spirit would soon fill the room. His efforts resulted in tangible improvements in people's lives across every generation and background. "Raymond was a landlord with heart," said community activist, Clare Tobin. "He helped residents through the pandemic. He and his team connected renters with programs such as rent grants and resources for food." For one elderly tenant in particular, after finding supportive senior housing and 24/7 caregivers, Raymond even made funeral arrangements with her pastor.

In classic Raymond fashion, when a teenager threw a rock that dented his classic 1975 Lincoln Town car, he called the school instead of the police, and when Raymond learned the boy had a court date, he accompanied him. With such support, the young man received probation instead of a sentence. Always sensitive to youth needs, Raymond mentored many young people sparking their creativity, building self-confidence, and making them laugh. At neighborhood events, kids and grown-ups alike delighted in his convertible King Midget, a tiny red racing car with headlights that squirted water.

"Imagine you're at a restaurant and start singing happy birthday to your daughter. From across the room an energetic man with a booming voice and a gentle smile stands up

and joins in. He's much louder than anyone else, with energy and body language that take over, inspiring everyone in the restaurant to join in. Your daughter will never forget the joy of that moment, and neither will you. The man who created that moment was Raymond," remembered cousin Sim from years of family gatherings.

His devoted wife Tina recollects how excited Raymond was when heavy snow fell. He had such fun riding his red ATV snowplow over 2 miles of sidewalks and alleys so neighbors could safely reach shops and public transit. "I always heard from neighbors how much they loved Raymond. Some didn't know his name, but they loved him because he plowed their sidewalks. They never asked, he was just always there with love and joy in his heart," according to former State Senator Carol Ronen. For 15 years, he was a familiar early morning good Samaritan.

Former 48th Ward Alderman, Mary Ann Smith, recalls that "Raymond's \$35,000 donation was the lynch pin that got city funding for Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management training program. It was attended by local business owners who wanted to take their company to the next level." Raymond was a philanthropist who continued to provide resources to help other entrepreneurs flourish, including the Edgewater Uptown Builders Association (EUBA) and other community organizations. "Raymond was always generous with his time and resources and always knowing when and how to pitch in to fill a need. He personally provided and engineered state-of-the-art sound and visual equipment to help people communicate more effectively. Raymond is a one of a kind. Truly a prince of a man," added Jim Byrne, past EUBA president.

A lasting tribute to Raymond's love for his community is the beautiful mosaic "bricolage" at the gateway to the Bryn Mawr Historic District. He brought the student artists lunches and treats, as well as donating money and materials. Raymond and Tina's wedding photo is memorialized in the art wall too, forever sharing their joy and love.

Raymond's bravery inspired his medical team. "I will always use Ray as an example to my staff and patients what support and advocacy can do," remembers Dr. Samman Shahpar, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. He further remarked at an international symposium, "Put aside whatever you know about brain injuries, because there is Raymond." To Dr. Jeffrey Raizer, neuro oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, "Raymond was indeed an inspirational person who fought hard against his GBM and by all measures Raymond had a wonderful life up until his passing."

Throughout his 6 year and 3 month survival with brain cancer, Raymond never lost his humor, his optimism, or his zest for life. "Every day is precious, each moment was the only moment we were sure that we had," said Tina. "In the hospital, we created our own world with natural sounds of birds singing and falling water. The smell of lilies would fill the room. We were content. Patient through the pain and the healing process, attentive to the details, giving and receiving kindness, hopeful. The Zen like quality, peacefulness and good will was conducive to healing for everyone entering the room. And after 21 years of marriage, Raymond's devotion to his wife Tina, never dimmed. Their friend, Ellen Pritsker knew, "They spoke to the beauty in one an-

other." On his final day, he and Tina were looking out of his hospital window at the place by the Lake where he proposed so many years ago. Then, with a smile on his face, he took his last breath. Raymond freely shared his love and his time with all who knew him. His generosity of spirit and deeply felt joyfulness will stay with us always.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF NOREEN KOKORUDA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Noreen Kokoruda of Madison, Connecticut. A stalwart community leader and advocate, Noreen passed away on December 21st, 2022.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Victor and Eileen Swaller, Noreen immediately showed traits of the characteristics which would define her life: compassion for others; commitment to service; and devotion to friends and family. At an early age, she distinguished herself for her friendly and out-going nature, going out of her way to help others. Even in high school, Noreen's penchant for public service was made clear after her election to the student council at Notre Dame High. Her passion for service blossomed as she continued her studies at Pace University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education. While at Pace, she was once again elected to represent her peers, this time as class president.

Soon after her graduation from Pace, Noreen met her life partner, Daniel. Noreen and Daniel began their lives together in West Haven, Connecticut, but soon settled in near-by Madison where they grew their family and community roots.

In Madison, Noreen threw herself into community work. She dedicated her time to the parent teacher organization, athletic boosters, and even worked as a substitute teacher. After serving on the Beach and Recreation commission, Noreen was elected to serve on Madison's Board of Selectmen, where she worked tirelessly for 14 years to weave a bright future for the town.

Ever savvy, Noreen was also an influential member of the Shoreline Foundation, an organization dedicated to creating recreational and enrichment opportunities in the Madison area. Through this organization, Noreen helped host summer camps in Killingworth to support local youth. Additionally, recognizing the want for a regional pool, Noreen was the one to discover an angle for the Foundation to support the construction of the Madison Aquadome, a facility which helped meet the needs of the community at no additional taxpayer cost.

In 2011, Noreen was elected to represent the 101st district in the Connecticut General Assembly, where she worked on the Planning and Development, Children, Appropriations, and Education committees. In the General Assembly, Noreen distinguished herself as a tenacious fighter for her constituency who worked across the aisle to collaborate on efforts to support the 101st district with her colleagues from both parties. Following Noreen's work in Hartford, she served on the Board of Selectman in Madison. Her dedication to public service was rare and her work touched the

lives of many people throughout the communities of Madison and Durham and the State of Connecticut as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders as devoted and compassionate as No-reen. Her absence will be felt throughout the region, and I offer my sincere condolences to her family and friends during this time. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring No-reen's life and work.

HONORING TIMOTHY BURKE ON
HIS 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Timothy Burke on his retirement from the City of Vacaville, following an incredible 26-year career devoted to serving the people of Vacaville. Throughout Mr. Burke's public service career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to improving his community and an unyielding zeal for addressing the pressing challenges faced by the residents of Vacaville.

During his tenure as a public servant, Mr. Burke served as Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Senior Engineer, and most recently, as Assistant Director of Public Works and City Engineer. From his first role as Assistant Engineer, Mr. Burke has played an instrumental role in revolutionizing Vacaville's infrastructure, demonstrating his staunch spirit of innovation and leadership.

Throughout his career as an engineer, Mr. Burke approached every challenge presented to him with ingenuity and resourcefulness. He worked tirelessly to improve Vacaville's public systems, making them more efficient and prioritizing the concerns of his community. Mr. Burke's engineering efforts played an indispensable role in ensuring the safety of Vacaville residents.

As the Assistant Director of Public Works, Mr. Burke collaborated with Vacaville land developers to negotiate countless agreements to ensure the stability of Vacaville's infrastructure. In these negotiations, he demonstrated his great commitment to serving the needs of his community.

Mr. Burke's remarkable career is characterized not only by his wealth of knowledge and profound engineering skills, but also by his spirit of kindness and empathy. His patient guidance and persistent optimism left an indelible legacy on the people of Vacaville and Solano County.

While his presence will surely be missed, Mr. Burke's 2 decades of service to the residents of Vacaville will leave a long-lasting impact. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Burke's dedicated service to the people of Vacaville and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
BRYAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George Wilkerson Bryan, Sr. George was born in West Point, Mississippi, in 1944. He was the son of John H. Bryan and Catherine Wilkerson Bryan and the youngest of 4 siblings. George was a devoted husband and father and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in West Point, Mississippi. Throughout his life, he devoted his energy and passions toward his family, his friends, his businesses, and golf. He had a deep and positive impact on the people in his life.

A 1968 business administration graduate of Mississippi State University, George began his business career in 1964 at Bryan Foods, his family's West Point-based meat products manufacturing company, which was acquired by Sara Lee Corp. in 1968. After working in cost accounting, George became production manager and vice president of sales before being named Bryan Foods president in 1974. He was named Sara Lee Corp.'s senior vice president in 1983 and served the position until 2000. George served as chief executive officer of Sara Lee Foods and chairman and director of the American Meat Institute.

A tireless champion of business, civic, and charitable endeavors, George also served as general campaign chairman for the United Way of the Mid-South; a 30-year director and member of the Audit, Trust, and Compensation committees of Regions Bank; and past president of the Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America. He was named an "Outstanding Mississippian" in 1979 by then-Gov. Cliff Finch and was inducted into the West Point Hall of Fame in 1992 and West Point "Citizen of the Year" in 2000. George was named MSU's College of Business and Industry Alumni Fellow in 1992, College of Business Alumnus of the Year in 1996. He was named MSU's National Alumnus of the Year in 2000 and was a longtime board member of the MSU Foundation.

George served in 4 components of the Armed Forces: U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Army; U.S. Army Reserve; and Army National Guard, where he was mobilized as a combat engineer during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Later in his military career, he served under the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, DC, as an advisor to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in the 1980s. He retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

In 1988, George and his wife, Marcia, were co-founders and owners of his hometown's Old Waverly Golf Club, one of the South's premier golf destinations and home to Mississippi State men's and women's golf programs. He led in bringing the U.S. Women's Open to Old Waverly in 1999—an achievement that earned him the Jackson Clarion-Ledger's 1999 "Sports Person of the Year" award. George was a cofounder of Mossy Oak Golf Club, which also serves MSU's golf programs and

was recognized in 2018 as one of Golf week's Top 100 Modern Golf Courses.

George Bryan is survived by his wife, Marcia Lavender Bryan, and their children: Suzanne Lavender Bryan, Brentwood, TN; George Wilkerson Bryan, Jr. (Amy, West Point, MS; Laura Bryan Williams (Shane), West Point, MS; and Nancy Bryan Campbell (Matt), Oxford, MS. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Bryan; father, John H. Bryan Sr.; mother, Catherine Wilkerson Bryan; sister, Catherine Bryan "Kitty" Dill; brother, John H. Bryan Jr.; and brother-in-law, Robert Donald Harrell, Sr.

HONORING HOWARD GANTER FOR
44 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE
ARC JEFFERSON—ST. LAWRENCE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard "Howie" Ganter for over 40 years of service to The Arc Jefferson—St. Lawrence, formerly Jefferson Rehabilitation Center. Since 1978, Howie has served The Arc in many capacities, culminating in his promotion to Chief Executive Officer in 2009.

Howie began his career at Jefferson Rehabilitation Center in 1978 as a Recreation Therapist, where he was an exceptional provider of services for people with disabilities and truly embodied the vision of the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center. Under Howie's tremendous leadership, Jefferson Rehabilitation Center merged with St. Lawrence NYSARC and established The Arc Jefferson—St. Lawrence. During this time, Howie successfully led these organizations through a smooth merger, while never losing sight of their missions to enhance the lives of people they serve to help them achieve their hopes and aspirations.

Howie's immense passion for serving others extended beyond his career at The Arc. Howie served on numerous committees and boards and volunteered countless hours to many organizations dedicated to helping those with disabilities. He served as the President of 1 World Foundation, where he coordinated shipments of needed supplies for people with disabilities in underserved areas all over the world. Additionally, Howie was the President of DOHL Development Corporation, a for-profit corporation that employs and trains nearly 100 people with disabilities providing them with vocational independence and confidence. Howie's motivation to make the world a better place for everyone, especially for those with disabilities, led him to lead a life of service even above himself.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Howie's immense contribution to his community that has assuredly left an indelible impact for generations to come. His dedication to serving those with disabilities and tireless support of The Arc should serve as an inspiration to us all. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement, and I wish him the best for all of his future endeavors.

**SUPPORTING THE OMNIBUS AP-
PROPRIATIONS AND CONSOLI-
DATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2023**

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we begin the 118th Congress and the new year, I want to take a moment to voice my strong support for the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117–328. Given that this legislation will help so many, it is fitting that we enacted this bipartisan bill during the holiday season—a time of kindness and caring for others.

As people struggle with higher costs, this law provides substantial help paying for food, housing, health care, childcare, and education. For example, a few notable provisions include:

It increases affordable housing funding by 8 percent, including an expansion of vouchers for 12,000 households at risk of homelessness;

It ensures that the 40 million children on Medicaid and CHIP have uninterrupted access to health care through the year by offering continuous coverage;

It expands high-quality childcare and preschool by increasing the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$1.9 billion and Head Start by \$950 million;

It invests in mental health services for Medicare beneficiaries by expanding the physician workforce, creating a new outpatient benefit, and extending telehealth flexibilities for 2 years;

It helps improve customer service by the Social Security Administration for seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors with an additional \$785 million;

It lowers food insecurity with an additional \$13.4 billion for the SNAP program and by giving 29 million kids healthy meals during the summer with the creation of a permanent summer food program;

It increases Pell Grants by \$500, the largest increase in over a decade;

It helps lower energy costs with \$6.1 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP;

It helps individuals, families, and communities affected by disasters with \$27 billion; and

It strengthens retirement for Americans.

I am very proud that this law includes 3 of my bills and over \$24 million to help my local organizations and constituents via community projects funding.

The law includes The Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022 that provides historic funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program that funds evidence-based home visiting proven to improve mother and child health, family safety, and child development.

It includes the Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act that improves retirement savings and lowers educational debt by allowing employers to make 401(k) matching payments for employees making student-loan payments, helping younger workers who currently cannot afford to save for their retirement to begin saving much sooner.

In addition, the law includes key provisions of the Unclaimed Savings Bond Act that will help locate bondholders and heirs of unclaimed bonds, helping ordinary Americans claim the over \$33 billion owed to them. Illinois citizens are owed over \$1 billion in matured unredeemed savings bonds. Under current practice, Treasury has required bondholders and heirs who cannot produce the physical bond from redeeming those funds unless they are able to provide the serial number and other detailed information. This requirement likely affects poorer and elderly bondholders who face the most challenges in retaining all of their personal records and who hold a significant percentage of these bonds. Working with my colleague, Ron Estes, and other Ways and Means Members, the law included a fix to ensure that Treasury makes every effort to provide each state with the complete information, including the serial numbers, for bondholders in that state. Helping bondholders and their heirs redeem their investments is the clear purpose of the statute, and I will work with the executive branch to ensure it is carried out.

Finally, this law delivers over \$24 million to help my local organizations and constituents via community projects. These projects will: increase access to quality health, substance abuse, and mental health services; expand affordable and transitional housing; improve higher education for minority men; expand community well-being programs to improve community safety and economic security; help modernize one of our cherished local museums; improve the trauma-informed care system for children on the south and west sides; and provide high-caliber programming to youth.

I am proud that the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, does so much to support individuals, families, communities, and businesses—improving well-being, safety, and economic security. I look forward to seeing all the goods things that this law does unfold during 2023.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF DALE CLARMONT**

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Dale Clarmont for his 35 years of service in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department. Over his time working for the people of North Michigan, including more than 2 decades as Sheriff, Dale has shown considerable poise and professionalism while working to make his community a safer place.

Upon graduating high school in 1979, Sheriff Clarmont started his 8-year military career with the United States Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician, later returning to the Cheboygan area to raise his family. Dale soon started his time in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher in 1987, quickly cementing himself as a key part of the department and an ideal candidate for county Sheriff in 2000. He would go on to hold this position for 22 years, until announcing his upcoming retirement in January of 2023.

Throughout his distinguished career, Sheriff Clarmont prioritized his community's safety

and well-being above all else. Dale's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the impact of his work on his fellow officers and the people of the Cheboygan cannot be overstated. We owe Dale our utmost gratitude for his continued effort to better himself, his colleagues, and the community he has served for the past 35 years.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Dale Clarmont for his decades of combined service to the United States Navy and the Cheboygan County Sheriff's his local Sheriff's Department. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Dale and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

**TRIBUTE TO GERALD "BUD"
CHITTOM**

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Gerald "Bud" Chittom, a larger-than-life restaurateur, musician and promoter of Memphis' iconic blues throughfare—Beale Street—and my friend. Bud passed in 2018 after a career opening and managing dozens of Memphis area restaurants and night clubs. He was awarded a Beale Street Brass Note in 2011 with the inscription "A Man You Don't Meet Everyday," putting him in the company of fellow Brass Note honorees, B.B. King, Isaac Hayes, Elvis Presley and Sain Phillips. Bud will be honored this week by the Downtown Memphis Commission with its Vision Award, which will be received by his daughter, Caitlin. It's well-deserved. Bud was instrumental in the renewal of Beale Street, creating the Blues City Café at Second Street, founding Jerry Lee Lewis' Café and Honky Tonk at 310 Beale, and driving business to other venues on Beale and his restored Earnestine and Hazel's on South Main Street, now world-renown as the Nation's best dive bar. He didn't rest until the area's revival as a mecca for tourism and music lovers was assured. A bass player himself, he often sat in with bands playing venues up and down the street. After I successfully passed the Tennessee Education Lottery as a Tennessee state senator, Bud and Blues City Café co-owner, Wilbur Hensley sold me the first lottery ticket in Tennessee in 2004. The Vision Award recognizes Bud's contribution to our community, and I commend the Downtown Memphis Commission for saluting him, and congratulate his family and friends for making him a part of our lives.

**HONORING JAY PENDERGRAPH ON
HIS 19 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jay Pendergraph upon his retirement from the Wheatland City Council. Throughout Mr. Pendergraph's tenure on City Council, he fervently advocated for his fellow

community members and led efforts to revolutionize Wheatland's infrastructure through investments in critical projects.

Mr. Pendergraph has served on the Wheatland City Council since 2003, faithfully advancing the interests of Wheatland residents and helping usher his community into a new era of prosperity. As a prominent member of the Economic Development Sub-Committee, Mr. Pendergraph played an indispensable role in ensuring Wheatland's economic stability. Moreover, his leadership on the Pool and Sewer Ad-Hoc Committees played a critical role in improving the resources and services available to his community. His efforts not only modernized Wheatland's infrastructure, making it safer and more efficient, but also improved Wheatland residents' quality of life.

As the Vice-Chairman of the Feather River Air Quality Management District, Mr. Pendergraph also collaborated with local leaders across Yuba and Sutter Counties to promote and improve their communities' air quality. Mr. Pendergraph's advocacy on this issue was essential in reducing emissions and safeguarding the people of Wheatland from the health impacts of air pollution.

Mr. Pendergraph's dedication to public service extends beyond his role on City Council. Following over 2 decades of brave service in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Pendergraph continued to proudly support his fellow veterans and current servicemembers through his 10 years of work with the Department of Defense at Beale Air Force Base. In addition, Mr. Pendergraph diligently serves his community outside his professional career as a proud member of the Wheatland Lions Club.

While his presence on the Wheatland City Council will surely be missed, Mr. Pendergraph's years of service to the residents of Wheatland have left an indelible legacy. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Pendergraph's service to the people of Wheatland and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY SONNY JOHNSON

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of Deputy Sonny Johnson of the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Johnson led a dutiful life of public service and was known to those around him as one who emitted selflessness. Deputy Johnson leaves behind a family and community that will miss him dearly.

Deputy Johnson was born July 24, 1962, in Czechoslovakia, later moving to Germany where he spent most of his youth. In the late 80's, Deputy Johnson moved to the United States, earning citizenship and beginning his career in service to Wyandotte County. Deputy Johnson became a deputy with the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office on August 07, 2008, proudly serving his entire career in the adult detention center where he worked multiple positions—including acting supervisor. Those who knew him would say that no deputy was prouder to put on the uniform and wear a badge each day.

Deputy Johnson's compassion and service did not end with his career—he cared for his community. As Wyandotte County Sheriff Daniel Soptic shared, Deputy Johnson would walk by his coworkers and greet them with a kind “Hey Bubba,” his way of asking after you to see how you were doing. He was devoted to family, to caring for his chickens, and to bringing laughter to those he loved. He loved his wife, Nadine. Those who knew Deputy Johnson best know he would do anything, for anybody, at any time.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Deputy Johnson will be remembered by many for the way he loved his job, he loved his family, and he loved the country he served.

NO VOTE ON ANTI-CHOICE H.R. 26 AND H. CON. RES. 3

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 26 and H. Con. Res. 3, two pieces of legislation that yet again seek to limit access to reproductive health care and insert politics into personal reproductive health care decisions.

H.R. 26 is a deliberately misleading bill that effectively politicizes abortion care and criminalizes doctors. This bill is offensive to those who face pregnancy complications and opens the door to political interference when families are making difficult, complicated, and often heartbreaking medical decisions. This legislation is based on false claims; it vilifies families and the doctors who care for them, and carelessly misleads the public about these rare and complicated scenarios. When a family is dealing with the unthinkable, an infant that will not survive, they should be able to hold and comfort their child and peacefully say goodbye. If this bill were to become law, forced medical intervention would cut short parents' final moments with their child, and doctors across the country would face extreme penalties simply for doing what is best for their patients.

H. Con. Res. 3 is nothing but a political move by the extreme Republican House majority that is both disingenuous and puts actual health care clinics at risk. Let me be clear: I condemn violence in all its forms. However, this resolution only focuses on protecting “pro-life pregnancy centers” and “faith-based women's health clinics”—not medical facilities. Here's a fact: attacks on abortion providers and clinics are on the rise, increasing 128 percent in just one year. The resolution before us falls short of fully condemning political violence, and I encourage my colleagues to stand together and condemn all violence, so that everyone can have the freedom to access reproductive health care without fear.

COMMENDING THE INCLUSION OF AN ALL-FEMALE DIVISION IN THE QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL PEE-WEE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2023

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the importance of promoting inclusion and equity in sports by promoting women and girls' sports, and to commend the efforts of our neighbors to the North in promoting such inclusion and equity with the addition of an all-female division at this year's Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, one of the largest pee wee hockey tournaments in the world.

The United States and Canada enjoy both a vibrant rivalry and partnership in the sport of ice hockey. Each year, that rivalry and partnership is on display at the Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament.

From February 8 through 19, 2023 the 2023 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament will feature 120 teams, including an all-female division for the first time in its 62 year history.

We applaud this significant development.

The United States and Canada are the closest of friends, partners, and allies, sharing common values and goals, such as promoting representative democracy where all may develop their skills and talents to the benefit of society as a whole, including in women and girls' sports.

In 2022, the United States celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that prohibited sex discrimination in education and opened new athletic opportunities for girls and women.

Similarly, Canada's Physical Activity and Sport Act states that the Government of Canada's policy regarding sport includes the principle to ensure the full and fair participation of all persons in sport.

Accordingly, my Congressional colleagues and I congratulate the 2023 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament on the inclusion of an all-female team division this year for the first time in the tournament's history. We express our appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.

CELEBRATING COLONEL ANTOINETTE GANT'S PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Antoinette R. Gant on her promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the United States Army. Brig. Gen. Gant is the first African American female, active-duty engineer to be promoted to the rank of general officer. She was officially promoted to the rank

in a traditional military ceremony at her alma mater, Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas on October 28, 2022. Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Randy George, conducted the promotion ceremony.

Gant assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) South Pacific Division in July 2021. Established in 1888 and headquartered in San Francisco, the South Pacific Division is one of 9 USACE regional commands. The region encompasses all or part of 10 states with 4 operating districts headquartered in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

Gant is responsible for leading a workforce of more than 2,800 military and civilians, overseeing hundreds of water-resource development, military, interagency design, and construction projects valued at more than \$16 billion in support of our communities, our Nation, and our warfighters.

A native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Gant graduated from Prairie View A&M University in Texas as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and a commission in the Engineer Regiment. She holds a Master of Science in engineer management from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri, and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington, D.C. She is also a certified Project Management Professional.

Gant has served in a variety of command and staff positions for engineering units state-side and abroad. Prior to South Pacific Division, Gant was commander of the USACE South Pacific Border District from July 2020 to June 2021. Gant previously served as the combined joint engineer for the Resolute Support and OFS headquarters, Kabul, Afghani-

stan, military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army-Civil Works, Washington, D.C., chief of operations for the engineer directorate, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and the director for the Directorates of Public Works and Installation Support, ASG-Kuwait.

She has received several national and community awards, to include 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Conference Awards, Army Stars and Stripes Award recipient, the 2020 Women of Color Career Achievement in Government Award, the YWCA Women on the Move Award, Women of Influence in Government by Albuquerque Business First, BEYA Special Recognition Award, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., South Central Region Visionary Leader and Global Leader Awards.

I commend Brig. Gen. Gant on her historic achievements and thank her for her leadership and service to our country.

HONORING HOLLAND WHITE ON
HIS FOUR YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holland Barrett White on his 4 years of service as Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember on the Pittsburg City Council. Throughout Mr. White's tenure on City Council, he advocated for vulnerable populations in his community and valiantly led efforts to revolutionize Pittsburg's infrastructure through investments in critical projects.

From his first months as Councilmember, Mr. White demonstrated his staunch spirit of

innovation and leadership by playing an instrumental role in establishing Pittsburg's first Community Services Ad-Hoc Committee. Focused specifically on improving the services available to underserved members of the community, this committee directly led to the formation of a new program providing recent Pittsburg residents with vital information and resources regarding the immigration process.

During his tenure on City Council, Mr. White exemplified a genuine commitment to combating systemic injustice and racism in our society. Through Mr. White's work, the Pittsburg Police Department invested \$10,000 towards implementing the Pittsburg My Brother's Keeper Initiative, which addresses the persistent gaps in opportunity faced by youth of color. Under Mr. White's leadership as mayor, Pittsburg invested \$1.49 million through the My Brother's Keeper Challenge towards ensuring all youth, regardless of their race or ethnicity, can achieve their full potential.

In addition, Mr. White also worked tirelessly to modernize Pittsburg's power infrastructure and guarantee internet access for all. Using his extensive knowledge as a member of the Pittsburg Power Company Board of Directors, Mr. White's advocacy was essential in prompting the City Council to authorize a new project to expand internet services for individuals most in need.

While his presence on the City Council will surely be missed, Mr. White's 4 years of service to the residents of Pittsburg have left an indelible legacy. Mr. White is a vibrant young leader and I eagerly anticipate his future work. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. White's dedicated service to the people of Pittsburg and wish him the best in his future endeavors.